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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Berend HOUWEN, *et al.* )  
Serial No. 09/058,323 ) Examiner: Gailene R. Gabel  
Filed: April 9, 1998 ) Art Unit: 1641

For: **PROCESS FOR DISCRIMINATING  
AND COUNTING ERYTHROBLASTS**

New York, New York  
April 30, 2003

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND  
RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 30, 2002, which sets forth a shortened statutory period of three months for response. Applicant respectfully requests a one month extension of time to respond. 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). A check for the requisite \$110.00 fee for the extension is included with this response. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing with an executed Certificate of Mailing, on or before April 30, 2003. 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

It is not believed that any fees are due. However, should any fee be required, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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